## **EXAMINER'S COMMENT**

## **Priority**

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in China on 2004-03-16. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the CN 2004200392546 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KRISTEN MATTER whose telephone number is (571)272-5270. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9-4.

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